

2010 Dressage Year End Award Rules for GDCTA SCHOOLING SHOWS

1. All awards will be based on a horse/rider combination meeting these eligibility requirements.

A) To be eligible a Horse/Rider Combination must submit **at least seven scores, two from the highest test of the level from two different judges at two different shows.** Each score must be at least 55%.

B) All scores submitted **must be postmarked within 20 days** of the close of each competition show date and **must be submitted on a current GDCTA Rider Report Form** found in the annual membership package and on the website. Scores **will not be accepted** if they do not meet these criteria. **Riders may submit copies of their test sheets instead of getting their report signed by the show secretary but a GDCTA Rider Report Form must be included. Riders should keep copies of all paperwork submitted.**

C) **All submitted scores reports will be confirmed by the scorekeeper via email, phone or fax within 7 days of receipt. If confirmation is not received, it is the rider's responsibility to check with the scorekeeper before 30 days from the date of the show have elapsed (ie, the total time allowed for reporting after the scores are earned is 30 days).**

D) A Horse/Rider combination showing at **more than two levels** during the competition year will only be eligible for awards at the **two highest** levels shown. If the minimum requirements as listed in 2(A) above are not met at the highest level, eligibility for the lowest level is still lost. For example, a Horse/Rider Combination competing at Introductory, Training, and First Level failing to meet the eligibility requirements for First Level is still only eligible for Training Level awards.

E) A Horse/Rider Combination **qualifying at any given level in the USEF Recognized Show** program is **not eligible for the GDCTA Schooling Show Award Program.** For instance, if you turn in seven scores for GDCTA Dressage Schooling Show Awards at First Level, and turn in seven scores for Training in the USEF Recognized Show program, you are only eligible for the USEF Recognized Show Award at Training Level. This is a year-to-year rule.

F) A Horse/Rider Combination that has **WON** a year-end **Championship** for a particular level will **no longer be eligible for awards at that level or any lower level.** A Horse/Rider combination that has WON a year-end Championship award in the Freestyle/Pas De Deux division may compete in that division again but at a higher level.

G) Riders must be current GDCTA members at the time the scores are **earned.**

2. Awards will be presented in the following categories: Open/Senior and Junior/Young Rider.

3. Awards will be offered at USDF Introductory Level, USA Equestrian Training through Second Levels only. Freestyle/Pas De Deux awards will be offered as "test of choice" (i.e., riders can show training (pdd only), first or second level but will all compete for one award) in Senior and Junior categories.

4. Scores from all GDCTA-Recognized Schooling Shows will be eligible for inclusion in this Awards program.

5. At Combined Test competitions, only horses designated as "dressage only" in a test will be eligible for inclusion in this awards program. You may compete in both a CT and "dressage only" tests at a schooling show, but only your "dressage only" test will be eligible for inclusion not your CT dressage test.

6. Dressage Awards are based on percentage scores and not placings in a class. Awards results will be tabulated by **dropping the two lowest percentage scores** then finding an average for the remaining scores. Calculations for Freestyle/Pas de Deux awards are different from all other awards: You need 3 scores of 65% or above to

qualify. The best 3 scores submitted will be averaged to arrive at the percentage used to determine winners in each class.

7. No changes to the awards standings can be made after November 30th of the current competition year.